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SUBJECT: BAGAZA VISIT EXUDES FRATERNITY

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1. BURUNDI PRESIDENT BAGAZA ENDED 48-HOUR VISIT KIGALI AUG 3. SO FAR WE HAVE LITTLE TO REPORT ON SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, BUT OUTWARD APPEARANCES AT FESTIVITIES WERE WARMLY FRATERNAL. TOASTS EXCHANGED AT BANQUET AUG 1, FOR EXAMPLE, WERE EFFUSIVE IN RECIPROCAL PRAISE FOR PLACING COUNTRIES' RESPECTIVE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BACK ON TRACK, OVERCOMING ETHNIC AND REGIONAL STRIFE, AND ORIENTING GOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS TOWARD WELLBEING OF MASSES.

2. KIGALI CITIZENRY TURNED OUT IN LARGE NUMBERS TO WELCOME BURUNDI PRESIDENT ON HIS FIRST VISIT HERE. CROWDS WERE PROBABLY MORE CURIOUS THAN GENUINELY CORDIAL, BUT IMPRESSION WAS HOSPITABLE ONE NEVERTHELESS. ACCORDING TO BURUNDI AMBASSADOR HERE, TWO PRESIDENTS HIT IT OFF EXTREMELY WELL
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AND PLEDGED MORE ENERGETIC COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IN FUTURE.

3. NOTEWORTHY IN SPEECHES WAS PROMINENCE GIVEN TRIPARTITE (WITH ZAIRE) ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF GREAT LAKES STATES - CEPGL - AND HOPES FOR GREATER DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION THROUGH THIS ORGANIZATION. A TOPIC WHICH PREDICTABLY CAME UP IN

PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS - COFFEE - WAS RESOLVED WITHOUT DISCORD,
ACCORDING TO GOR MINAGRI.

4. WILL REPORT MORE SPECIFICS BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AS
THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. GOOD HUMOR AMONG ALL TOP-LEVEL
PARTICIPANTS AT DEPARTURE CEREMONIES SUGGESTS VISIT WAS
IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD BILATERAL RELATIONS.

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